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RE: Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (CPA-106) for ITD US 20/26 Corridor Study

Dear Ms. McCoy:

NRCS completed the "Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for Corridor Type Projects" (form NRCS-CPA-106) for the above-referenced project. If federal funding is used to complete the project, the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA), Public Law 97-98, 7 U.S.C. 4201 applies. The rating was completed for six segments in the corridor project area that are not exempt from FPPA provisions.

For Part IV-C on the form CPA-106, the percentage of farmland (as defined in the FPPA) to be converted in Canyon (286,734 acres) and Ada (330,618 acres) counties in the project area is zero percent. For example, for the Northside to Franklin segment, the percentage of converted farmland is $13 \text{ acres} / 286,734 \text{ acres} = 0.000045 \text{ acres}$.

The Soil Resource Reports were prepared to identify prime farmland soils and potential soil-related considerations during the environmental and construction phases. The soil surveys for the Canyon Area, Idaho (ID665) and Ada County, Idaho (ID001) were used for the soils information. In Ada County, soil map units 5 and 141 are mapped in the project area. In Canyon County, soil map units DrA, MvA, PhB, PpA and PrB are mapped in the project area.

Some of the soils in the project area contain calcium carbonates and may have carbonate clays. Carbonate clays are the same size as non-carbonate clays, but they have different chemical and physical properties which can impact soil engineering properties and may be a consideration for project design and construction.

The Water Features report indicates that the Moulton and Aquic Torriorthents soils may have a high water table within two feet. The water table may be a consideration for project design and construction.

NRCS recommends that provisions for erosion, dust control, and runoff be included during the construction phase to protect soil, water, and air resources.



Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this project. If you have any questions, call me at 208-882-4960 x. 114.

Sincerely,

Allyson Young

Resource Soil Scientist

cc:

Shawn Nield, State Soil Scientist, NRCS, Boise, ID

Amie Miller, District Conservationist, NRCS, Caldwell, ID

Amber Reeves, Area Resource Conservationist, Moscow, ID

Attachments: CPA-106; Soil Resource Reports

March 25, 2016

Allyson Young, NRCS
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Re: US 20/26 Corridor Study - Farmland Protection

Dear Allyson:

In 2005, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) began this project to improve approximately 15 miles of US 20/26 in Ada and Canyon Counties. The logical termini for the project are the western terminus at Interstate 84 (I-84) and the eastern terminus at Eagle Road. Although no funding has been programmed for improvements, ITD is preparing a Corridor Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the corridor and, once approved, will begin acquiring right of way and programming projects. The attached figure shows the recommended improvements.

The proposed action was developed based on the results of the alternative evaluation process and coordination with public and agency stakeholders. The improvements include widening and improving approximately 15 miles of US 20/26 between Eagle Road and I-84 to accommodate the 2040 forecasted traffic volumes. The project would widen the highway to 6-lanes with a center median. Access control measures would be implemented where possible to improve safety. The project also includes adding facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists (sidewalks and shoulder/bikeway, or a multi-use path). Right of Way (ROW) would be acquired to construct the improvements which include approximately 200 feet between I-84 and Meridian Road, 140 feet between Meridian Road and Eagle Road.

Roadway improvements widen equally around centerline except for three primary alignment shifts on the west end of the corridor. These shifts are located to minimize impacts to historic properties and high-voltage power lines, and to reduce the overall number of residential and commercial property impacts. The first shift moves the widening from centerline to the south between west of KCID Road and west of 11th Avenue. Just west of 11th Avenue, the alignment shifts from the south to the north until just east of Star Road, where it transitions back to centerline.

Intersection improvements along the corridor include signalization, expansion and channelization changes to facilitate traffic flow. Signalized intersections are planned every half mile between I-84 and Middleton, 1 mile between Middleton and Black Cat, and every half mile from Black Cat to Eagle Road. In addition, to accommodate the projected traffic volumes, Continuous Flow Intersections (CFI) are planned for Middleton Road, Star Road, Linder Road, Meridian Road, and Locust Grove Road. At these CFI locations, ROW needs are increased up to approximately 250 feet.

At the western end of the corridor, between I-84 and Aviation, improvements include widening US 20/26 by 1-lane in each direction (adding to the 2 lanes in each direction recently constructed). From Aviation to Smeed, the recently constructed existing 6-lane roadway would be utilized. For both of these segments, the existing median would be utilized to the extent possible, with some areas of new median added.

A proposed interchange is anticipated at the McDermott Road / US 20-26 intersection and will be developed in the future under another separate project.

The proposed action would impact farmland, farmland access, and irrigation systems adjacent to the existing U.S. 20/26. ITD would require approximately 225 acres of additional right-of-way (however, not all of this right-of-way acquisition would impact farmland). This would result in strips of farmland being acquired adjacent to the highway rather than bisecting farmland parcels. Impacted irrigation systems would be relocated next to the right-of-way. The access to and from U.S. 20/26 would change with the build alternatives. Currently, motorists and operators of farm machinery have full access at driveways to and from U.S. 20/26. This alternative will change the access to and from U.S. 20/26 to right in/right out only. Full access to U.S. 20/26 will only be provided at 1/2 mile or 1 mile roadway intersections only, depending on the location within the corridor.

During the course of alternative development, a total of 16 alternatives were considered. An environmental scan was performed that identified environmental resources along the corridor including potential prime farmland. The alternatives were subjected to a screening process that first screened out alternatives that did not meet the purpose and need. The second round of screening considered among other things environmental resources such as prime farmland. Once a preferred alternative was identified then various alignments were also considered to reduce environmental impacts as much as practical. In addition, the right-of-way was minimized as much as possible to reduce the need to acquire farmland for right-of-way.

It is not anticipated that funding would be available to construct the Proposed Action Alternative for the entire corridor in a single project. Instead a phased approach is proposed to complete the corridor improvements with a series of smaller projects. These projects would include intersection improvements or road widening along US 20/26 that are sized to match available funding. To determine land acquisition needs, the corridor was evaluated in 15, 1-mile segments.

Per guidelines in Section 1600 of the ITD Environmental Manual, projects are exempt under the FPPA:

- a. Land that is clearly not farmland
- b. Urban areas:
 - a. Land within an urban boundary (city limits)
 - b. Land identified as an urbanized area (UA) on the Census Bureau Map
 - c. Land with a density of 30 structures or more per 40 acre area
- c. Borrow and disposal sites

In addition, projects located in a rural area but with farmland right-of-way below the following thresholds do not require completion of the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form:

- a. Bridge or interchange projects with area of 3 acres or less
- b. Total area of 10 acres or less per lineal mile or under 3 acres

Based on these guidelines, we have made the following determinations for each corridor segment:

Corridor Segment	Anticipated Farmland Acquisition (acres)	Determination
Aviation Way to KCID Road	5.35	Exempt (Urban) and/or Low Threshold
KCID Road to Middleton Road	n/a	Exempt (Urban) and/or Low Threshold
Middleton Road to Midland Road	8.39	Exempt (Urban) and/or Low Threshold
Midland Road to Northside Boulevard	8.29	Exempt (Urban) and/or Low Threshold
Northside Boulevard to Franklin Road	13.06	Eligible
Franklin Road to 11th Avenue	14.72	Eligible
11th Avenue to Can-Ada Road	11.20	Eligible
Can-Ada Road to Star Road	15.06	Eligible
Star Road to McDermott Road	16.98	Eligible
McDermott Road to Black Cat Road	6.93	Exempt (Urban) and/or Low Threshold
Black Cat Road to Ten Mile Road	n/a	Exempt (Urban) and/or Low Threshold
Ten Mile Road to Linder Road	n/a	Exempt (Urban) and/or Low Threshold
Linder Road to Meridian Road	10.55	Eligible
Meridian Road to Locust Grove Road	0.83	Exempt (Urban) and/or Low Threshold
Locust Grove Road to Eagle Road	0.93	Exempt (Urban) and/or Low Threshold
Total	112.29	






Therefore, attached please find the NRCS-CPA-106 form for each of the six eligible segments along with our assessment and determination documentation. We are requesting your review of the forms (and associated documentation) as well as the determinations outlined in this letter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

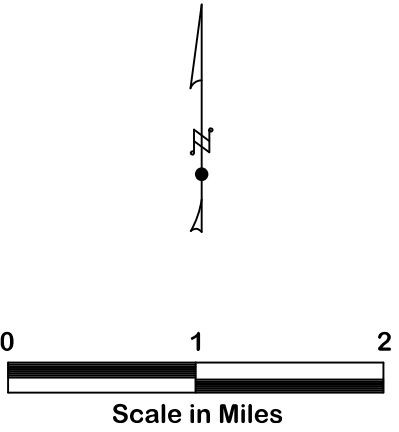
Thank you,


Kristen McCoy



LEGEND

-  U.S. 20/26
-  SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION ON U.S. 20/26
-  HALF CONTINUOUS FLOW INTERSECTION (CFI)
-  FULL CONTINUOUS FLOW INTERSECTION (CFI)
-  INTERCHANGE LOCATION



Site Assessment Criteria for Farmland Impacts

1. How much land is in non-urban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

- More than 90 percent-15 points
- 90 to 20 percent-14 to 1 point(s)
- Less than 20 percent-0 points

Corridor Segment	Assessment	Determination
Northside Boulevard to Franklin Road	90%	15
Franklin Road to 11th Avenue	90%	15
11th Avenue to Can-Ada Road	90%	15
Can-Ada Road to Star Road	90%	15
Star Road to McDermott Road	70%	10
Linder Road to Meridian Road	2%	0

2. How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

- More than 90 percent-10 points
- 90 to 20 percent-9 to 1 point(s)
- Less than 20 percent-0 points

Corridor Segment	Assessment	Determination
Northside Boulevard to Franklin Road	90%	10
Franklin Road to 11th Avenue	90%	10
11th Avenue to Can-Ada Road	90%	10
Can-Ada Road to Star Road	90%	10
Star Road to McDermott Road	90%	10
Linder Road to Meridian Road	2%	0

3. How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

- More than 90 percent-20 points
- 90 to 20 percent-19 to 1 point(s)
- Less than 20 percent-0 points

Corridor Segment	Assessment	Determination
Northside Boulevard to Franklin Road	80%	16
Franklin Road to 11th Avenue	80%	16
11th Avenue to Can-Ada Road	80%	16
Can-Ada Road to Star Road	80%	16
Star Road to McDermott Road	80%	16
Linder Road to Meridian Road	2%	0

4. Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

- Site is protected-20 points
- Site is not protected-0 points

Assessment – The corridor is not within any area of protection.

Determination – 0 points

5. How close is the site to an urban built-up area?

Per the instructions for completing the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form this criterion is not considered for corridor-type site assessments.

6. How close is the site to water lines, sewer lines and/or other local facilities and services whose capacities and design would promote nonagricultural use?

Per the instructions for completing the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form this criterion is not considered for corridor-type site assessments.

7 (Question 5 on NRCS-CPA-106). Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average-size farming unit in the county?

- As large or larger-10 points
- Below average-deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average-9 to 0 points

Assessment – Farm lot sizes vary from 8 to 85+ acres adjacent to the US 20-26 corridor with the majority of the farms being 40 acre sites. All of the farm sites adjacent to the corridor are less than the average farm site of 110 acres in Ada County, and 130 acres in Canyon County, as indicated in Part II of the NRCS-CPA-106 document.

Determination – 0 points

8(Question 6 on NRCS-CPA-106). If this site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

- Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project-25 points
- Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of acres directly converted by the project-24 to 1 point(s)
- Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project-0 points

Assessment – Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project

Determination – 0 points

9(Question 7 on NRCS-CPA-106). Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e. farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmers markets?

- All required services are available-5 points
- Some required services are available-4 to 1 point
- No required services are available-0 points

Assessment – All required services are available

Determination – 5 points

10(Question 8 on NRCS-CPA-106). Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

- High amount of on-farm investment-20 points
- Moderate amount of on-farm investment-19 to 1 point(s)
- No on-farm investment-0 points

Assessment – Based on the adjacent existing site conditions there is a moderate amount of on-farm investment throughout the corridor. Existing drainage, irrigation and waterways are prevalent throughout the proposed corridor for farm sites adjacent to US 20/26.

Determination – 10 points

11(Question 9 on NRCS-CPA-106). Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

- Substantial reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted-10 points
- Some reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted-9 to 1 point(s)
- No significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted-0 points

Assessment – The existing adjacent farms will still operate under their current condition. There is no significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted

Determination – 0 points

12(Question 10 on NRCS-CPA-106). Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

- Proposed project is incompatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland-10 points
- Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland-9 to 1 point(s)
- Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland-0 points

Assessment – In assessing the proposed action of widening the existing corridor along the existing alignment there is a very low probability the project will contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use.

Determination – 0 points

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 3/25/16	4. Sheet 1 of 1
1. Name of Project US 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study		5. Federal Agency Involved Federal Highway Administration	
2. Type of Project Corridor Study		6. County and State Canyon County, Idaho	
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS 3/25/16	2. Person Completing Form Allyson Young
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size 130	
5. Major Crop(s) wheat, corn, hay	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 303,836 % 81	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 286,734 % 94	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used Canyon Co Soil Survey CPI	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 4/7/16	

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Corridor For Segment <u>Northside to Franklin</u>			
		Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		13			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services		0			
C. Total Acres In Corridor					

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		13			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland					
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		0			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		55			

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)				
	64			

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))		Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	15				
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10				
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	16				
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0				
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0				
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0				
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5				
8. On-Farm Investments	20	10				
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0				
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0				
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	56	0	0	0	

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	64	0	0
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		160	56	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	120	0	0

1. Corridor Selected: A	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 13	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

See attached letter regarding the selected alignment. Multiple alternatives were originally considered and impacts to farmlands was an important consideration in the screening process. Impact to farmland was minimized by keeping proposed alignment along or adjacent to the existing US 20/26 Corridor where feasible.

Signature of Person Completing this Part: _____ DATE _____

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

CORRIDOR - TYPE SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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- (1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

More than 90 percent - 15 points
90 to 20 percent - 14 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

More than 90 percent - 10 points
90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

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As large or larger - 10 points
Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average - 9 to 0 points

- (6) If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points
Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 1 to 24 point(s)
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- (7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

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No on-farm investment - 0 points

- (9) Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

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FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 3/25/16	4. Sheet 1 of 1
1. Name of Project US 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study		5. Federal Agency Involved Federal Highway Administration	
2. Type of Project Corridor Study		6. County and State Canyon County, Idaho	
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS 3/25/16	2. Person Completing Form Allyson Young
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size 130	
5. Major Crop(s) wheat, corn, hay	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 303836 % 81		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 286734 % 94
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used Canyon Co Soil Survey CPI	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 4/7/16

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment <u>11th to Can Ada</u>			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	11			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	0			
C. Total Acres In Corridor				

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	11			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	20			

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)	75			
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PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	15			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	16			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	10			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0			
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	56	0	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	75	0	0	0
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	56	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	131	0	0	0

1. Corridor Selected: A	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 11	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

See attached letter regarding the selected alignment. Multiple alternatives were originally considered and impacts to farmlands was an important consideration in the screening process. Impact to farmland was minimized by keeping proposed alignment along or adjacent to the existing US 20/26 Corridor where feasible.

Signature of Person Completing this Part:

DATE

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

CORRIDOR - TYPE SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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- (1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

More than 90 percent - 15 points
90 to 20 percent - 14 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

More than 90 percent - 10 points
90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

More than 90 percent - 20 points
90 to 20 percent - 19 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (4) Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

Site is protected - 20 points
Site is not protected - 0 points

- (5) Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average - size farming unit in the County ?

(Average farm sizes in each county are available from the NRCS field offices in each state. Data are from the latest available Census of Agriculture, Acreage or Farm Units in Operation with \$1,000 or more in sales.)
As large or larger - 10 points
Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average - 9 to 0 points

- (6) If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points
Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 1 to 24 point(s)
Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 0 points

- (7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

All required services are available - 5 points
Some required services are available - 4 to 1 point(s)
No required services are available - 0 points

- (8) Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

High amount of on-farm investment - 20 points
Moderate amount of on-farm investment - 19 to 1 point(s)
No on-farm investment - 0 points

- (9) Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

Substantial reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 25 points
Some reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 1 to 24 point(s)
No significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 0 points

- (10) Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

Proposed project is incompatible to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 10 points
Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 9 to 1 point(s)
Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 0 points

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 3/25/16	4. Sheet 1 of 1
1. Name of Project US 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study		5. Federal Agency Involved Federal Highway Administration	
2. Type of Project Corridor Study		6. County and State Ada, Idaho	
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS 3/25/16	2. Person Completing Form Allyson Young
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size 117	
5. Major Crop(s) wheat, corn, hay	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 144,049 % 21		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 330,618 % 49
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used Ada Co Soil Survey CPI	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 4/7/16

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment <u>Can-Ada to Star</u>			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	15			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	0			
C. Total Acres In Corridor				

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	15			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	40			

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)	71			
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PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	15			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	16			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	10			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0			
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	56	0	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	71	0	0	0
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	56	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	127	0	0	0

1. Corridor Selected: A	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 15	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

See attached letter regarding the selected alignment. Multiple alternatives were originally considered and impacts to farmlands was an important consideration in the screening process. Impact to farmland was minimized by keeping proposed alignment along or adjacent to the existing US 20/26 Corridor where feasible.

Signature of Person Completing this Part:

DATE

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

CORRIDOR - TYPE SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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- (1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

More than 90 percent - 15 points
90 to 20 percent - 14 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

More than 90 percent - 10 points
90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

More than 90 percent - 20 points
90 to 20 percent - 19 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (4) Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

Site is protected - 20 points
Site is not protected - 0 points

- (5) Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average - size farming unit in the County ?

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As large or larger - 10 points
Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average - 9 to 0 points

- (6) If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points
Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 1 to 24 point(s)
Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 0 points

- (7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

All required services are available - 5 points
Some required services are available - 4 to 1 point(s)
No required services are available - 0 points

- (8) Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

High amount of on-farm investment - 20 points
Moderate amount of on-farm investment - 19 to 1 point(s)
No on-farm investment - 0 points

- (9) Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

Substantial reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 25 points
Some reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 1 to 24 point(s)
No significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 0 points

- (10) Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

Proposed project is incompatible to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 10 points
Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 9 to 1 point(s)
Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 0 points

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 3/25/16		4. Sheet 1 of 1	
1. Name of Project US 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study		5. Federal Agency Involved Federal Highway Administration			
2. Type of Project Corridor Study		6. County and State Ada, Idaho			
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS 3/25/16		2. Person Completing Form Allyson Young	
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size 117			
5. Major Crop(s) wheat, corn, hay	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 144,049 % 21		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 330,618 % 49		
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used Ada Co Soil Survey CPI	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 4/7/16		

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Corridor For Segment <u>Star to McDermott</u>			
		Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		17			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services		0			
C. Total Acres In Corridor					
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		17			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland					
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		0			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		39			
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)		73			
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))		Maximum Points			
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	10			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	16			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	10			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0			
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	51	0	0	0
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	73	0	0	0
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	51	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	124	0	0	0

1. Corridor Selected: A	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 17	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

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Signature of Person Completing this Part:

DATE

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

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- (1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

More than 90 percent - 15 points
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Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

More than 90 percent - 10 points
90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s)
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

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Less than 20 percent - 0 points

- (4) Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

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Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points
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- (7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

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FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

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PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment <u>Linder to Meridian</u>			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	11			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	0			
C. Total Acres In Corridor				

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	11			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	40			

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)	71			
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4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	10			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0			
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	15	0	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	71	0	0	0
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	15	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	86	0	0	0

1. Corridor Selected: A	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 11	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Signature of Person Completing this Part:

DATE

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